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The New Year.

She comes, she comes! the fair New Year,
With smiling face, no sign of tear.
A robe of spotless white she wears,
She nothing knows of sighs and cares
Such as Old Year, as, with solemn tread,
He passes out; and, with the dead
Of other years is numbered now,
A snowy wealth adorns his brow.
1000 Adieu! Good bye!
Your faithful record will not die.
Your muffled chimes, I seem to hear them yet,
The blessings that you brought I'll not
forget.
Again I say to thee farewell!
And list me to the New Year bell,
Which rings so tenderly, it seems
To be but part of pleasant dreams,
But 'tis not a dream; for, as I look,
I see her holding forth a book,
No pen has traced its pages fair
Ah! when finished, what will the record
bear?
Oh fair New Year, I trust that you
Will write of me in your record true,
She sought not honor, wealth or fame,
She only sought to have her name
Inscribed in the "Book of Life" above,
And in the "Book of Remembrance,"
deeds of love
Recorded; and that she'll not be satisfied,
Until she reflects the Crucified,
If this you can write in your record true,
'Tis all that I ask New Year, of you.

MRS. J. M. COLBURN.

Divine Healing.

R. C. HORTON.

And we read, "woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea. For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12. He is represented as a strong man armed." But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him

all his armour wherein he trusted and divideth his spoils. Luke 11:21,22. Satan is the strong man armed, but Christ is stronger than he and can overcome him and take from him his armour wherein he trusted and in the end will divide the spoils. Christ will take those who fear God and work righteousness, those who follow him, those who are walking in the light as he is in the light, and those who have overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil; and Satan will take the children of unbelief, children of darkness, children of this world, those who love the world more than they love God, and thus the spoils will be divided.

Oh, let us ever stand on the side of right with God and with Christ. We may be overwhelmed by affliction, our plans may be thwarted, our good names assailed, our hopes for this world blasted, and yet if we have a firm trust in God our peace will be like a river whose pure depths and strong current flows on, undisturbed by the things that vex the surface.

In times of prosperity, when our bodies are full of life, health, and activity; when family and social ties are unbroken; when our hopes and ambitions are high, and we move on in the full tide of success, we try to persuade ourselves that we are trusting God; when in fact our faith in him is of the feeblest kind. It is when trouble comes and all earthly support fails us that our faith is put to the final test. If then our trust does not fail us, we may know that we have a firm hold on God. Such faith is not too dearly purchased by any earthly calamity or loss, and to

many it never comes through any other process. Such a faith exalts and enobles all the virtues of the human heart, deepens the source and widens the domain of character. It fits us for greater usefulness in the service of God. Such a faith gives us power with God to meet the fallen foe and overcome him.

We may have a creed of unquestioned soundness and know how to defend it by arguments that no one can impeach; but if we lack that sweetness and love that are born of a pure trust in God, our influence as Christians will be poor and small. It is well to preach Christ in our words, but far better to preach him by our example and by all the influences that flow out of a character formed upon the model of the divine pattern. A steadfast trust in God is a well-spring of joy and peace in the heart, springing up into everlasting life. Having this divine inheritance of knowing God as revealed in the life of His dear Son, and having no will but his, we can say, thy will, O God, not mine be done.

The gift of healing is one of the nine gifts which the Lord placed in the church, and concerning which he says he would not have you ignorant. I Cor. 12:1. In the ninth we learn that faith and the gift of healing were among the number. He also "set in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Verse 28. And these were all given "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the

faith and the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Eph. 4:11-13.

Thus we can plainly see that these gifts were to continue as long as there is a ministry to be worked, or a church which is the body of Christ, to be edified until the perfect day is reached, and we measure up to the perfect standard, even the fullness of Christ. Until that day, all these gifts will be needed to build up, strengthen, and establish the church of Christ.

(To be continued.)

New Edition of Special Watchman.

The first edition of the special WATCHMAN entitled "The Morning Cometh" has been exhausted, and orders are now being filled from a new edition printed on better paper, so that the especially fine illustrations show up to better advantage. A number of other small changes have been made, which make this excellent issue very attractive.

The special WATCHMAN contains 24 pages, filled with articles bearing directly on the truths of the third angel's message. It is a number well calculated to arouse interest in the truth. Those who are working with it find that it sells readily. The opportunity afforded by this issue of the WATCHMAN to get the truth before the people of this country should be considered by all.

A suggestive canvass has been prepared for the special. It will be supplied free of charge on request. A neat badge will also be sent free, if requested, to any one ordering 50 or more copies.

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Canvassing Notes.

All will be glad to see the increase in Book Sales as reported in this issue. This is due to a number of causes. The most notable perhaps being the good report of Bro. Foy. This is exceptionally good, when we consider that it represents work done in Battle Creek. This ought forever to settle the question of "Burned territory."

Sr. Carrie Kingston of Bangor has had to give up her work for a time on account of ill health. It is hoped she may speedily regain her health and soon be in the work again. She reports a number keeping the Sabbath from reading Daniel and Revelation sold since Camp-meeting.

We welcome Sr. Olga Parker as an addition to our force. She has just entered the field and made but one exhibition when she wrote and taken one order. She seems certain of success. If she is trusting in Christ for that success she will succeed.

Bro. Eugene Sykes is also a new member of our family who joins us this week. His cheering report has the right ring. His letter says that the Methodist minister of Concord gave him a recommendation for the book (Daniel and Revelation) and as a result he sold to a number of the Methodists.

But better than all that he closes his letter by saying: "I like the work, and with the Lord's help I can make it a success." This is the secret of success. The Lord's help can enable any consecrated worker to succeed.

Reader, does this not appeal to you to enter the field and help to close up this work? The Lord is going to do a quick work in the earth, and this through human agency under the influence of His Holy Spirit.

Will you be used to help in this work?

We would not overlook the faithful work of our aged Sister Dickey who can put in but a short time each day. What an army of workers we might have if all who are as able to work as she would go out among their neighbors and carry them the truth.

Last, but by no means least, comes out faithful worker, Sr. Ross. Read her report and see if you can't decide to join with her.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

"That Certain Sound."

Again and again we are encouraged to "give the trumpet a certain sound." There is only one sound that can be called "certain" at this time, and that is the sound of alarm. It is the warning to all that the "Battle of the Great Day" is at hand. No "taps" are now to be sounded. We are to arouse and "cry aloud, spare not, and lift up our voice like a trumpet."

Multitudes are in the valley of decision today, and to them the message should come: "Jehovah will be a refuge unto his people and a stronghold to the children of Israel." (Joel 3:16, A. R. V.) In the same connection comes the message to us: "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe."

At the Bookmen's Convention which just closed it was suggested that we should have a "Gideon Band" of canvassers in the Lake Union Conference. Is this too many to "scatter the truth like the leaves of autumn," and bring the message to every home? I can almost hear you say "No." Then it is for YOU RIGHT NOW to make up your mind to join this company.

"A Gideon Band" in the Lake Union! Think what this means. Three hundred earnest workers—"for Jehovah and the Truth." Three hundred to break the pitchers and let the light of this message shine upon men's hearts and lead them to the stronghold. Baptized with the spirit of the living God, the walls of difficulty will fall before them, and they will enter the Jerichos of the East.

My brother, my sister, it is for you to help to make this company a reality. We have now twenty-six regularly reported canvassers. Let those who are working report and join the "Band." Send your name to the state agent or tract society and be sure to get a membership card with your number on it. If the Spirit is pleading with you today to enter the work, do not say, "Wait until a little later—until I have something ahead," etc. Many are being cheated out of daily blessings in this way. The Lord says, "Go, work TODAY in my vineyard," and "whatsoever is right that will I pay you." Take the Lord at his word and let him take care of everything else.

Give both hands to the service. God says, "All day long have I stretched forth my hands to thee." Do not try to enter the service with one hand holding to the temporal things of the world and the other reaching for the eternal. Nothing but failure can result from this method.

Yours to finish the work,
S. W. CURTIS.

Washington Foreign Mission Seminary.

December 18, 1907.

To the Young People of West Mich.

Dear Young People:—

Since coming here the Lord has been blessing me so much that just now, during the week of prayer, while God's blessings are falling more abundantly, I must write to you of the good things we are having, so that you, with us may partake somewhat of them.

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am to you for giving so generously of your means to send me here to school. I only hope and pray daily, that God may help me to improve every opportunity so that I may win souls to his cause and hasten his coming.

No doubt many of you are wondering what field I have chosen and you may be surprised to hear that as yet I have chosen none. Instead

Canvassers' Report of West Mich. Conference for the Month Nov. 30, '07.

Name	Address	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Val. Orders	Helps	Total	Deliveries
Mrs. R. B. Dickey,	Battle Creek,	5½				\$0 50	\$0 50	2 70
Olga Parker,	Lake Odessa,	5	1					
J. Q. Foy,	Battle Creek,				B. F. \$122.25 H. H. 71.50	140 80	334 55	
Cora Grames	Battle Creek,	19						
Mrs. E. L. Williams	Grand Ledge,		6	10.50		12 50	23 00	
Mrs. R. M. Ross,	Fremont,	32½	5	5 00		5 00	10 00	
Mrs. A. Armstrong,	Grand Rapids,					13 70	13 70	
John A. Shafer,	Sullivan					14 40	14 40	

of having a field uppermost in my mind I have felt my great deficiency in so many ways. It seems I have scarcely thought of a field but have been earnestly seeking God for a preparation necessary for any field and when I am prepared I know God will send me to the field where I can do the best work.

I am sure that I have never spent so much time in prayer as I have since coming here. The very atmosphere of the place seems to make one see the need of communing with God.

We have been studying prayer and faith of late and have decided to ask God for definite things when we pray and unless you can speak from experience you can not know the blessing which comes from this kind of praying. Oftentimes three or four of us meet together and we each bring some one thing, upon which we need special help, and then plead with God for deliverance from these and the peace which follows is very sweet. Our subjects of prayer are often such as these: light, frivolous words; evil speaking; criticism and fault finding; worldly thoughts etc., then we pray, especially for some mission field which is in need of help.

I know that I have gained wondrously spiritually to say nothing of the text book knowledge of which we are getting no small amount. We have fine teachers. Men and women of experience and with much of God's Spirit. Nearly all higher subjects are taught and of these language studies are no small part. If I am not mistaken we have nine languages taught namely: German, Latin, Spanish, Italian, French, Greek, Hebrew, Chinese and Hindustani.

Imagine the interest which never dies in a school where people are trained for all parts of the world.

Our first students left today: two young people for China. It is with joy and yet with sadness, that they go; others will soon follow and so our circle is ever changing.

This week of prayer has been very blessed to us. Aside from our two meetings a day some of us have been helping to interest others in this glorious truth. There is much work to do even here in Washington and while we are receiving great stores of knowledge each day it is only beneficial to us as we use it and so we are distributing papers and tracts and holding Bible readings with a number of people, to whom we hope to bring the light of present truth.

I wish I might tell you more of our school life but my time is far too limited. I only hope in closing to influence some of you to give your lives to the Master so that he can use you to close up his work.

I know that you will pray for me. I feel that you have been and that God has greatly blessed me by your doing so.

Yours in God's service,
WINIFRED TRUNK.

Let all our young people who have not done so send their names to Margaret Haughey, secretary of the Young People's work, for enrollment in the Missionary Reading Course.

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Lake Odessa Church School Report for November and December.

Ninety-seven tracts given away, thirty-six papers sent away and eleven missionary letters written.

God has been very near and dear to us in our school room and bestowed upon us rich blessings.

Three weeks ago we held our first missionary meeting, at the home of a near neighbor. Twenty-four were present. A Bible class was organized to study the book of Daniel. We met again one week from the Tuesday night. Thirty-four were present. We studied the first thirty verses of Daniel 2. Some opposition was present after the meeting, but it only made the truth brighter. At the last meeting the rest of Daniel 2 was studied. Twenty-six were there. I am so thankful that I am strong again and able to do what I can for the Lord.

Let us as teachers consecrate our lives anew to this work. Let us study daily the beautiful character of Christ. All around us are souls sick, weary, and wondering.

The more faithful and consecrat-

ed we are, the nearer our heavenly home.

O there'll be joy when the work is done,

Joy when the reapers gather home.

Bringing the sheaves at set of sun

To the New Jerusalem.

EDNA L. COOPER.

Volunteer Notes.

Let the overseers of the churches encourage all the young people to prepare to reach the "Standard of Attainment."

Let all profits from the sale of the Missions number of the SIGNS be reported to the State Secretary of the Young People's Work.

All Missionary Volunteers do well to study the Missions number of the SIGNS for the condensed missionary information it contains. Its biographical sketches are worth the price.

Every Missionary Volunteer should strive to become a "Member of Attainment" at the earliest possible moment. To know the fundamental truths of the third angel's message, and the history of the Advent Movement is essential for those who would give the message.

Diligent study of the Sabbath-school Lessons, and of the "Great Second Advent Movement," will prepare our young people to reach the "Standard of Attainment" in March. The Bible Readings now appearing in the SIGNS, and "Our Truth" number of the INSTRUCTOR will also be excellent help. This number dated December 3 is now out. Will not all our young people take hold of its circulation?

One of the greatest rewards of service is the ability to do more service. This is especially true of the Young People's work with the Special Numbers of the SIGNS and INSTRUCTOR. The information which they gain in selling these papers will help them to become "Members of Attainment." To reach that standard will enable

them to do better work in giving the truth to others. What a blessed privilege to have a part in God's work at this particular time.

The church elder should send to Margaret Haughey, Young People's Secretary, early in February, for lists of questions for the "Standard of Attainment." The examination is to be conducted by the church elder or someone appointed by him, during the first week in March. The question on Bible doctrine will be based on the present Sabbath-school Lessons, the Bible Readings now appearing in the SIGNS and "Our Truth" number of the INSTRUCTOR. The questions on denominational history will be based on the "Great Second Advent Movement," by Elder Loughborough.

News and Notes.

A Happy New Year.

With this issue we begin the sixth year of the West Michigan Herald.

The price of the Sabbath Record F is fifty cents Record C is one dollar.

We hope to receive some good reports from the week of prayer meetings.

Mr. Fred Green spent a part of his vacation assisting in the Conference office.

We hope all of our young people will read the report from Miss Trunk that appears in another column.

Elder W. C. Hebner, writing from Pentwater, says that three persons have decided to obey the truth.

Miss Edith Shepard, who is teaching in the Cedar Lake Academy, spent the holidays at her home in Otsego.